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Finding Birds in Maryland/D.C. Areas

Book Review

"Finding Birds in The National Capital Area," by Claudia Wilds, Smithsonian Institution Press, Washington, D.C., 1983; paper, 215 pp. +xiv $10.95 (a Smithsonian Nature Guide).

It was with considerable anticipation that I looked forward to this new guide to birding in our area by the editor of the Voice of The Naturalist, and I have not been disappointed in the least.

Quality of paper and printing and clarity of the many maps are excellent. Directions to and within birding spots that I'm familiar with are impeccable. Reading this book has been a constant delight to this birdwatcher because of the author's infectious enthusiasm and dry sense of humor.

This guide covers 338 species of birds that can reasonably be found, in an annotated list, and describes birding locations in D.C., most of Maryland, parts of Delaware and Virginia, as well as the North Carolina Outer Banks. The locations are organized geographically: Washington and suburbs; the Piedmont; ridges, valleys, and the Allegheny plateau; and the western and eastern shores of Chesapeake Bay complete the major divisions. There is a good background description of the geology and climate of the region. Hawk-watching, owl-finding and pelagic trips are discussed with useful specifics. Throughout the location descriptions are useful tips on more pleasant and secure birding, including some detail on admission fees to parks and needs for strong insect repellent in some areas. There are twelve appealing black-and-white illustrations of birds, including an (uncaptioned) Pileated Woodpecker on the cover. Also included are lists of birding books, journal and major checklists for the region, as well as information on ornithological societies and cooperative birding activities therein.

Birders at every level of competence should find this volume interesting, enjoyable reading, and a welcome and useful addition to their cars' libraries. It provides much more detail on finding birds than the older guides, for most of the sites in the region covered, especially for D.C. itself. The possible need for further MOS site guides (but not for checklists for specific areas) should now be carefully evaluated to avoid duplication of effort, in advance of significant changes yet to be brought about by land development in some areas.

Reviewed by Cameron Lewis

Membership and Board of Directors Meetings

The 36th annual membership meeting of the MOS was held on May 14, 1983, at the convention site. Immediately thereafter the first Board of Directors meeting for the 1983-84 season convened. Last year's activities and future plans were reported by the officers and committee chairmen; they will be printed in the June 1983 issue of *Maryland Birdlife.* Some highlights are given here:

- Tribute was paid to the memory of Gordon MacGregor, our Treasurer for the past ten years, who died on March 27.
- Acting Treasurer Roger Herriott reported total assets of the Society to be approximately $99,000.
- Outgoing President John Cullom thanked all who contributed toward making his three-year tenure of office pleasant and successful. Major accomplishments included outstanding gains made by the Sanctuary Committee, a complete revision of the Bylaws, publication of the Maryland Yellowthroat, and establishment of the Records, Eagle and Atlas Committees.
- Membership of the Society grew to 2170 this year.
- The budget for next year was approved. To help offset a projected deficit in the Operating Fund, a dues increase of $1 for individuals and $2 for family memberships was approved.
- To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the death of Helen Miller and founding of the Scholarship Fund, the new Eleanor C. Robbins Scholarship in ornithology was awarded. The Committee plans a fund drive to raise $5,000, interest from which will support this scholarship annually. The Baltimore chapter has pledged $1500 to this fund. Chan and Eleanor Robbins were honored for the roles they have played in endowment and support of the Scholarship Fund.
- A vote of appreciation was given to Paul Bystrak, Vice Chairman of the Sanctuary Committee, who is moving from the area. Dottie Mumford of the Anne Arundel Chapter has accepted the challenge to carry on the fine work he has done for many years.
- The new bylaws permit greater flexibility in convention planning. It was voted to hold next year's gathering in Western Maryland, at a site and date to be determined.
- Officers elected for the forthcoming year: President, Marty Chestem; Vice President, Tony White; Treasurer, Dick Cleveland; Secretary, Helen Ford. These officers, the Past President and Executive Secretary, along with the committee chairmen and Presidents and Directors elected by the chapters, will serve as the new Board of Directors for next year.

-Helen M. Ford, Secretary of MOS

(Jim Stasz is chairman of a new *ad hoc* committee to investigate the possible need for a state bookstore for MOS. Jim's new address is: 179 Edgewood Ave., Audubon, NJ (609) 547-1749-Ed.)

MOS Officers For 1983-1984

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A Special Invitation

MOS members from all over the state recognize the address: Cylburn Mansion, 4915 Greenspring Avenue, Baltimore 21209, the headquarters of the Society. Our chapters for years have faithfully sent representatives to this address when meetings have been called. Perhaps you yourself have attended some of the meetings and during the proceedings have allowed your mind to wander to the 19th-century beauty of Cylburn's center hall and drawing room. But how many of you have visited Cylburn when the whole mansion is open to the public, staffed with guides, presenting a program, serving tea, and generally displaying its company manners? To offer you several opportunities to enjoy all of the above activities, Baltimore Chapter with Cylburn Arboretum Association cooperating, cordially invites you to attend your choice selected from our series of Sunday afternoon Open Houses and Teas listed below. Notice that the mansion opens at 2 p.m., the program starts at 2:45, and tea follows. This gives you plenty of time for a morning of Baltimore's Best Birdwatching as described by Claudia Wilds in "Finding Birds in the National Capital Area" or in Baltimore Chapter's Program. Your birding clothes will be most appropriate for Cylburn's informal afternoon setting. To Cylburn: Jones Falls Expwy. I-83 to Northern Pkwy. West, first left to Cylburn Ave., through the woods to Greenspring Ave., left to stone gate posts and sign, Cylburn Arboretum. The schedule of programs:

Mansion opens at 2 p.m., program starts at 2:45, tea follows.

Sept. 25 ..... see Calendar items, this issue

Oct. 30 .... see Calender items, this issue

Jan. 29. Annapolis Conservation Gardens
Ajax Eastman

Feb. 26..... A Child's Garden of Nature
Corinne Auchenbach

Mar. 26 ..... The Garden That is the Chesapeake Bay
Edwin Gosnell

Apr. 29..... Birds and Other Wildlife of Kenya
Dottee and Earl Palmer

May 20..... The Conservatory in Druid Hill Park
Larry Smith

Workday at Carey Run Sanctuary

Part of the crew-l. to r., Cam Lewis, Dan Folk, Ben Poscover, and Bob Keedy.

April 23 dawned with a threat of rain, but the precip held off as 13 MOS-ers from Allegany, Baltimore, Howard, Patuxent and Washington Co. chapters journeyed to Carey Run for a day of clearing brush, pruning shrubs, cleaning, painting and airing-out inside the house, plus some skilled work on inside wiring and water system maintenance. Lunch was provided by the Allegany chapter.

Sanctuary Committee News

The Executive Council has directed the Sanctuary Committee to construct a fund drive for the coming budget year. Contributions can be made by individuals as well as MOS Chapters. They can be made payable to a specific project or in general to the Sanctuary Fund. A goal of the MOS is that, one day, sanctuary expenses will be met by the interest earned by an enlarged Sanctuary Fund.

Current projects are listed below, but a contribution of any amount is welcome.

Operating funds—projects under $500.00. Following are some examples:

mowing-$175.00 per sanctuary
electric use-$100.00 per sanctuary
fuel-$250.00 per sanctuary
small repair projects-$25.00 per project

Capital Funds—projects of $500.00 and over.

Carey Run:
storage shed-$500.00
stove-$500.00

Irish Grove:
tide gates-$2500.00
roof for house-$1500.00

Program chairmen are requested to keep the following dates in mind when planning chapter activities:

Workdays
Carey Run-Saturday, April 28, 1984
Irish Grove-Saturday, October 1, 1983

House closing dates
Carey Run-October 15, 1983 to April 28, 1984
Irish Grove-November 1, 1983 to March 1, 1984

Schedule a trip to one of our Sanctuaries. Make it for a weekend at Carey Run and/or Irish Grove!

MOS Chapter Presidents 1983-84

Allegany ..... Robert L. Paterson, Jr.-Frostburg State College, Dept. of Biology Frostburg, MD 21532

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Great Expectations for the 1984 Western Convention

If you haven't heard, the statewide convention is taking a break from the Eastern Shore. Next year, for the first time in about 30 years, the convention will be held in the western part of the state. The campus of Frostburg State College will host the event the weekend of June 1-3. Announcements regarding arrangements will be forthcoming from Tony White.

What you can expect from Western Maryland and its neighboring states includes a wide diversity of birding with a distinct northwoods flavor. The time of year is great for migrating song birds and many of them will be passing through at that time. Because of the altitude and geologic history of the area, some of these northern species stay here to breed, and they should be setting up territories and nest building during convention weekend. In two areas not 15 minutes from campus, Chan Robbins has recorded 95 species. Some of the birds with northern affinities which have been seen are: Olive-sided Flycatcher, Swainson's Thrush, Veery, Golden-winged, Blackburnian and Canada Warblers. In addition, there are several resident species unique to the western portions of the state. These include: Raven, Turkey, Ruffed Grouse and Saw-whet Owl. Occasionally, birds show up that are quite unusual for the area. In recent years, some of these have been: Red-necked Grebe, Common Gallinule, Cattle Egret, and a summering Ring-necked Duck.

Field trips are being designed to include a variety of unique areas and habitats. Tentatively there are all-day trips to West Virginia's Dolly Sods and Canaan Valley. Also, an all-day tour of Garrett County including Swallow Falls, Herrington Manor, and Cranesville Swamp is being planned. Half-day trips will be made to local Allegany County and Garrett County "hot spots" such as the upper reaches of the C & O Canal, Carey Run Sanctuary, and Finzel (Cranberry) Swamp. The campus of Frostburg State has an Arboretum which boasts of breeding White-eyed Vireos, Black-billed Cuckoos, Yellow Warblers and Yellowthroats which is less than a 5-minute walk from the Convention Center.

The Allegany Chapter of MOS and Frostburg State College are looking forward with great pleasure to hosting the 37th annual Convention here in western Maryland. We are sure the birding will be a new, different, enjoyable experience and that you will leave with the desire to return to the Maryland mountains.

-Robert L. Paterson, Jr.
President, Allegany Co. Chapter of MOS

Hawk-Watching in Maryland

Monitoring hawk migrations is an important and fascinating activity for many dedicated bird-watchers in Maryland. Although it has been found that many hawks can be observed in the sky over one's own backyard or neighborhood during migration when sailing conditions prevail (and your ed. has heard such reports from John Cullom and Dave Wallace), three hawk-watching sites in MD have been manned regularly in the fall for some years: Dan's Rock, Washington Monument Knob and Fort Smallwood. Observations have also been made during spring migration. Some individual site reports follow.

Washington Monument Knob

The hawk watch at Washington Monument State Park near Boonsboro in Washington County started for the first time a spring program. From March 3 to May 9, 1983, totals of 110 hours and 1821 raptors of at least twelve species were tabulated. We are very gratified with the growing interest in this project. Individual species counts for the spring follow:

Turkey Vulture	17
Black Vulture	6
Sharp-shinned Hawk	238
Cooper's Hawk	15
Unidentified Accipiters	15
Red-tailed Hawk	637
Red-shouldered Hawk	87
Broad-winged Hawk	438
Unidentified Buteos	71
Bald Eagle	2
Northern Harrier	52
Osprey	193
Merlin	1
American Kestrel	36
Unid. Raptors	13
Total for spring	1821

We are constantly looking for committed help at the "watch." The fall season began in mid-August.

Mary Corderman
President, Wash. Co. chapter

Dan's Rock

"Any hawks yet?" a stranger asked as he puffed up the rocks to where we were settled down out of the wind, waiting to count the migratory hawks last fall.

"Very few today" I replied. "The wind is strong and it's too cold."

"Mind if I join you? I'm from D.C. and just heard about this spot for hawk watching," the stranger said.

"Welcome, have some hot coffee or tea and settle down on a good soft rock and join in," someone in our party replied.

I had taken my adult bird study class up to Dan's Rock on a Saturday field trip to observe the migration of the various hawks. It was too late for the massive movement of the broad-wings, but we did hope to catch red-tails, accipiters and just maybe an eagle or some other surprise. You never know what you might see from the top of Dan's Mountain in the Midland, MD area.

One thing for sure-you need to take plenty of warm clothing in the fall. The days we were there in October, the temperature was close to 30° and the wind-chill factor was near zero. At least that's the way it felt to most of us, huddled behind rocks to protect us from the chilling wind. We had brought along Hot-Seats to sit on, coffee, tea and lunch. But the way the weather was, it didn't look like we would stay all day. No birds flying!!

In the time we were there, about four hours, we saw five red-tails (one a resident), two Cooper's and a "sharpie" plus a few jays and cedar waxwings. Normally it is a good spot, particularly in September when the broad-wing "kettles" go by. About ten years ago, I counted over a thousand in two big kettles!

How do you get to Dan's Rock? From the thruway, US Route 48 (48 goes west from Interstate 70 at Hancock, and then has two undivided stretches which are called US 40 before 48 resumes near Cumberland), get off at the Frostburg, Midland sign. Turn left on Rte. 36 to Midland. At 3.6 miles, watch for a sign that shows a slight curve to the left and an intersecting road at an angle of about 20° to the left. Take the road to the left (Paradise Street in Midland) for 0.2 mile, crossing a one-lane bridge and passing a road on the left. Take the second road to the left, which has an old marker on a telephone pole, "Dan's Rock Rd." For the first few hundred yards, the road winds, passing one-lane bridges and houses close to the road. Then it climbs, passing a big Llewellyn farm on the right, at two miles. As you get to the top (2.9 miles total), towers appear for TV, telephone, police and radio signals. Pass the first tower on your right and go to the old fire tower on top of the rocks.

(If you missed the turn-off in Midland, go into the town and ask for Paradise St. As you back-track, watch for a sign at a turn-off from Rte. 36 which reads, "Thrasher Carriage Museum.")

There is plenty of parking space and easy turning around at the top. Be careful on the rocks—wear rubber-soled shoes. It is private property, so do not add to the existing litter. The view from the very top is spectacular. As you look out over the rim, you will be facing West Virginia, with Keyser to your right. The birds will be flying from your left as you face outward, i.e., from northeast to southwest. Good hawk-watching!

-Ken Hodgdon, Allegany Chapter

Conservation-Update on Costa Rica National Parks

Since his presentation at the January Executive Council meeting and his article in the March/April *Yellowthroat*, Jerry Einem of Howard County MOS has been busy among MOS chapters strengthening a plea for financial support of the Costa Rica National Parks Foundation. Jerry and Libby Einem have visited Costa Rica many times, have learned to appreciate its beauty, the diversity of its wildlife, its importance as wintering habitat for many of the birds we in eastern North America call "our own" during the breeding season. The Einems have seen first hand the problem of extensive loss of wildlife habitat from cutting over the forest for grazing land. Recently they have become aware of a hopeful treatment for the problem, already underway, to which we can lend support. There was even in Jerry's *Yellowthroat* article a convenient form to complete and send along with your contribution.

Four MOS chapters have already responded to Jerry's plea. Baltimore, Howard, Frederick and Montgomery chapters appropriated money to the Costa Rica National Parks Foundation through the International Program of The Nature Conservancy. On a sunny July afternoon representatives of the four chapters, at the Einems' invitation, met Alvaro Ugalde, Director of the Foundation. It was not Mr. Ugalde's personal charm alone that assured the MOS group of the merit of their decisions. His moving accounts of the need for acquiring more areas of significant habitat, his attempts to persuade neighboring Nicaragua to preserve their own portion of adjacent tracts, the problems of maintaining the preserves and preventing poaching of plant and animal life, the environmental education programs in the schools, and the opportunities for research projects of global importance, noticeably lessened the distance between Costa Rica and Maryland that day. When questioned about his assessment of the system of U.S. National Parks, Mr. Ugalde admitted that it was his respect for the goals of our parks system that furnished his starting point as he developed plans for the parks of his country. In so doing he has created a model for other small countries who seek his help in developing their own preserves.

MOS members who have birded in Costa Rica or anyone who has read the books of Alexander Skutch, a Marylander transplanted to Costa Rica, need no convincing of its beauty or of the reasons for saving the diversity of its wildlife. But Jerry Einem has a message which cannot be repeated too often. You will be hearing from him in the upcoming MOS program season. Alvaro Ugalde will be meeting other ornithological societies and conservation-minded groups with his appeal for aid. We who heard him speak on that sunny July afternoon support the proposal that we respond generously to Costa Rica National Parks Foundation's call for help for "our birds."

Joy Wheeler

Editorial notes: On July 25, 1983, President Reagan honored Costa Rica for its conservation efforts through the presentation of the J. Paul Getty Award for conservation excellence to the first and to the present director of the Costa Rican national park service, Mario Andres Boza and Alvaro Ugalde. One of the ceremonies that day for the Costa Rican visitors was attended by Jerry Einem and by Marty Chestem, MOS President. The Washington Co. chapter has also made a donation-to the World Wildlife Fund-for purchase of land for Costa Rica National Parks.

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Science Fair Winner

Hee Jung Kim, ninth grader from Perry Hall High School, won the 1983 Certificate of Achievement in Ornithology presented by the state MOS Education Committee at the 28th Baltimore Science Fair held at Towson State University and sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of the Baltimore area. Hee's project was a study of the food preferences of Ring-billed Gulls in Patterson Park. The MOS judges when presenting her with the award encouraged her to continue her study of bird behavior. The award consists of a certificate, a copy of *Birds of North America* by Chandler S. Robbins, et al., membership in MOS for one year, and an MOS patch. We welcome Hee to the Society and commend her teacher, Steve Hollens, a teacher of ornithology well known to many of us.

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Sanctuary Signs—can be bought for $1.75 each and can be ordered from:

Mr. Barclay E. Tucker
1417 Grafton Shop Rd.
Bel Air, MD 21014

Help Stop the Slaughter of Song Birds in Cyprus

From Cyprus come bleak reports that migratory birds in the Eastern Hemisphere are being massacred there on a unprecedented scale. One estimate puts the loss at 10 million birds in the first 10 months of 1982-that is, before the winter shooting season began.

Song birds en route south or north in migration are the chief victims. There is now considerable evidence that many populations have slumped in recent years.

This slaughter is used to obtain birds for food, often to be sold after pickling. No one in Cyprus is dependent on this trade for a living, however, and nowhere are birds a serious pest to farmers. In addition to shooting, two illegal methods are principal means of killing-netting and liming. Liming uses sticky material on pieces of wood concealed in trees and bushes. Almost no attempt is made in Cyprus to enforce the laws, and the nets and lime-sticks are actually legal and freely available.

Friends of the Earth (Cyprus) is working to see that the legal loopholes are closed and the law enforced, also urging the government to ratify the European convention which forbids both netting and liming (Council of Europe Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, the so-called Berne Convention). FOE also believes that pressure from potential tourists can play a vital role. Overseas visitors familiar with song birds in their own countries are appalled to see them trapped in nets, trees and bushes in Cyprus. Three British travel agents now refuse to send parties to Cyprus solely because of the slaughter.

FOE welcomes well-wishers overseas to write the President of Cyprus or contact the Cypriot ambassador in their country and urge that netting and liming on the island be stopped. Any suggestion that the slaughter is causing you to think twice about visiting Cyprus would give your appeal extra weight. A letter in your own words to a Cypriot newspaper would also be helpful. Relevant addresses follow:

President Spyros Kyprianou,
Nicosia, Cyprus.

H.E. The Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus
2211 R Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20008.
Telephone: (202) 462-5772

The Editor, The Cyprus Weekly
P.O. Box 1992
Nicosia, Cyprus

The Editor, The Cyprus Mail
P.O. Box 1144
Nicosia, Cyprus

(article condensed from the Animal Welfare Institute Quarterly, Winter 1982/83-Ed.)

MOS Calendar September/October 1983

September 3

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. 7:00 a.m. Piney Run Park. Meet at parking lot on the left inside park. For details, call Bill Ellis (795-7985)

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. 8:00 a.m. Liberty Reservoir. Early fall warblers. Meet at Rt. 140 Bridge. Leader: Bill Ellis (795-7985)

September 4

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. 7:30 a.m. Phoenix. Choice spot for early migrants. Meet at Phoenix Road, Phoenix near intersection with Carroll Road. Leader: Graham Egerton (243-5997)

September 6

TUESDAY EVENING AT CYLBURN. 8:00 p.m. Fall Warbler Workshop. Cylburn Park Mansion. 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore.

September 8

MEETING. Frederick Co. 7:30 p.m. Members' show-and-tell night, including report on Camp Hashawa Junior Nature Camp, MD/DC Breeding Bird Atlas project, and slides of African wildlife. Chorus Room, Frederick High School.

September 10

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. 8:00 a.m. Beaver Run and Liberty Lake. Fall migrants and warblers. Meet at Route 140 bridge, 1 mile east of Rt. 91/140 intersection. Leader: Bill Ellis (795-7985)

BIRD WALK & PICNIC. Harford Co. 4:00 p.m. "Parade Rest." Bring your own food. Contacts: J. Wortman (939-3146) or Spike Updegrove (734-4149)

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Tilghman Island. Brown-headed nuthatches and migrating land birds, concentrating at Black Walnut Point. Leader: Terry Allen (822-0503) Coordinator: Alex Hammer (761-7749)

FIELD TRIP. Frederick Co. 7:30 a.m. Gambrill State Park for warblers, etc. Meet at Culler Lake boathouse, West Second Street, Frederick.

September 10 & 11

HAWK WATCH. Washington Co. 10:00 a.m. Washington Monument. Meet at Monument parking lot. Contact: Mary Corderman.

September 11

POTLUCK PICNIC. Anne Arundel. 4:00 p.m. Camp Woodland on Riva Road (past Annapolis High School). Bring dish to share and beverage.

September 12

BOARD MEETING. Baltimore. 8:00 p.m. Cylburn Park Mansion. 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore.

September 13

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. 7:00 p.m. Twilight Funneling of Chimney Swifts. Meet at Towson Plaza parking lot, Dulaney Valley Road and Fairmount Ave., near self-service Post Office. Leader: Ben Poscover (823-2548). Rain Date: September 15.

September 15

PICNIC. Kent Co. 5:30 p.m. At Picnic Point, Remington Farms. Potluck supper. Bring a dish and beverage and a prospective new member.

MEETING. Howard. 7:45 p.m. "Wildlife at Aberdeen Proving Ground"-Joe Ondek. Held at Longfellow Elementary School, 5470 Hesperus Drive, Columbia.

September 17

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Jug Bay, Patuxent River Park. Canoeing adventure in Jug Bay. Meet either at the Annapolis Mall Park & Ride at 6:45 a.m. or at the Park Headquarters at 7:30 a.m. Canoe fee: $5. Must register with the leader by 9/15. Bring lunch. Leader: Hal Hooper (741-9515)

September 17-18

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Meet at Bombay Hook NWR Visitors' Center at 9:00 a.m. Check on Eastern Shore migrants between August and Listers' Trip. Leaders: Alex Hammer (761-7749) and Pete Webb (486-1217)

September 18

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. 7:30 a.m. Meet at Annapolis Mall Park and Ride. Optional afternoon at London Towne. Leader: Mert Jensen (956-3460)

FIELD TRIP. Washington Co. 1:30 p.m. Lilypons. Meet at Emma K. Doub School, Sharpsburg Pike, Hagerstown.

September 24

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. 7:30 a.m. Ellen's Fall Goodie Trip. Meet at the Annapolis Mall Park & Ride. Leader: Ellen Gizzarelli (674-9501)

FIELD TRIP. Washington Co. 7:30 a.m. Ft. Frederick. Meet at Emma K. Doub School, Sharpsburg Pike, Hagerstown.

FIELD TRIP. Kent Co. 6:00 a.m. Assateague Island. Meet at A & P parking lot in Chestertown. Bring lunch. Contact: Steve Hitchner (778-3560)

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. 8:00 a.m. Woodstock. Meet at Old Court Road bridge across Patapsco River. Leader: Pete Webb (486-1217)

FIELD TRIP. Frederick Co. 9:30 a.m. Washington Monument State Park for fall raptor flight. Meet at Culler Lake boathouse, West Second Street, Frederick.

September 25

CYLBURN OPEN HOUSE AND TEA. Baltimore. 2:00-4:00 p.m. "The Art of Nature Photography"-Anneke Davis. Cylburn Park Mansion, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore.

September 27

MEETING. Washington Co. 7:30 p.m. "Those Confusing Fall Warblers"-Dr. Bill Oberman. Loyola Federal Bank Building, N. Potomac St., Hagerstown.

October 1

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Irish Grove Cleanup. Work day at Irish Grove Sanctuary in Somerset County with MOS members from thoughout the state.

October 2

FIELD TRIP. Washington Co. 1:30 p.m. Four Locks. Meet at Emma K. Doub School, Sharpsburg Pike, Hagerstown.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. 7:30 a.m. Myrtle Grove. Red-headed woodpeckers and migrants. Meet at Benfield Plaza. Leader: Pete Webb (486-1217)

October 3

BOARD MEETING. Baltimore. 8:00 p.m. (note change from 2nd Monday) Cylburn Park Mansion. 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore.

October 4

TUESDAY EVENING AT CYLBURN. Baltimore. 8:00 p.m. "Hawk Identification" by Seth Benz, of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary. Cylburn Park Mansion, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore.

October 6

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. 1:00 p.m. Soldiers' Delight. Meet at parking lot of Merry-Go-Round, one block past overhead railroad bridge, west side of Reisterstown Road. (Cancelled if raining) Leader: Jean Worthley (356-7582)

MEETING. Frederick Co. 7:30 p.m. Illustrated talk by Stauffer Miller on "Birding in California." Meet in the chorus room, Frederick High School.

October 7

MEETING. Anne Arundel. 8:00 p.m. "Petals and Feathers"-Prof. Harold Wierenga. Meet at the Annapolis Branch Library, West Street, Annapolis.

October 8

YOUTH ACTIVITY. Baltimore. 9:00 a.m. Bird banding demonstration. 10:00 a.m. "The trees in Baltimore's best natural park"-Calvin Buikema, Cylburn Park, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore.

FIELD TRIP. Frederick Co. 7:30 a.m. Soldiers Delight Natural Environment Area for unusual fall flowers, including fringed gentian. Meet at Culler Lake boathouse, West Second Street, Frederick.

October 8-9

DELMARVA LISTERS' TRIP. Baltimore. Meet at Bombay Hook NWR Visitors' Center. 150 species seen during three days. Leader: Bob Ringler (655-5738)

October 13

MEETING. Howard. 7:45 p.m. "Monitoring Natural Habitats from Space"-Dr. Nicholas Short. Held at Longfellow Elementary School, 5470 Hesperus Drive, Columbia.

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October 15

FIELD TRIP. Washington Co. 6:30 a.m. Adventure. Meet at Emma K. Doub School, Sharpsburg Pike, Hagerstown.

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. 7:30 a.m. Soldiers' Delight. Fall migrants. Meet at Annapolis Mall Park and Ride. Leader: Jean Worthley. (356-7582)

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. 8:00 a.m. Oregon Ridge. Meet at ski lodge parking area. Park is one mile west of I-83 on Shawan Road. Leader: Bob Stanhope (472-9269)

October 19

BANQUET. Allegany. Don Whitlach speaker.

FALL SOCIAL EVENING. Baltimore. 8:00 p.m. "Birding in Northeast China"-Dr. Don Messersmith. Make reservations with Betty Taylor (323-5150)

October 20

MEETING. Kent Co. 7:30 a.m. Kent County Library. Speaker to be announced.

October 22

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. 7:30 a.m. Waggoner's Gap, PA. Hawk watching in coordination with Anne Arundel Outdoor Education Assoc. Wear sturdy shoes, bring a cushion to sit on, and your lunch. Meet at the Annapolis Mall Park & Ride. Leader: Pamela Lee (268-8029)

The weekly bird walks at Lake Roland will be as follows:

Date	Time	Leader
September 1	8:00 a.m.	Jeanne Woods-922-6447
September 8	8:00 a.m.	Betty Iber-828-4679
September 11	8:00 a.m.	Peggy Bohanan-752-3520
September 15	8:00 a.m.	Patsy Perlman-466-3998
September 22	9:00 a.m.	Shirley Geddes-377-6583
September 29	9:00 a.m.	Eddie Slaughter-825-8354
October 6	9:00 a.m.	Bertie MacGregor (435-3044)
October 13	9:00 a.m.	Adelaide Rackeman (823-4709)
October 20	9:00 a.m.	Rose Gerringer (825-2175)

Walks begin at Lake Roland, Robert E. Lee Park, Footbridge over stream below falls.

YOUTH ACTIVITY. Baltimore. 9:00 a.m. bird banding demonstration. 10:00 a.m. "How to be a nature detective"-Jean Worthley

FIELD TRIP. Frederick Co. 7:30 a.m. Lilypons for shorebirds and waterfowl. Meet at Culler Lake boathouse, West Second Street, Frederick.

October 23

FIELD TRIP. Washington Co. 1:30 p.m. Snavely Trail. Meet at Emma K. Doub School, Sharpsburg Pike, Hagerstown.

October 25

MEETING. Washington Co. 7:30 p.m. "Western Waterfowl Refuges"-Dr. Frank Sturgis. Meet at Loyola Federal Bank Building, N. Potomac Street, Hagerstown.

October 30

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. 8:00 a.m. Northampton Furnace Trail. Migrating song birds and waterfowl. Meet at Towson Plaza parking lot, Dulaney Valley Road and Fairmount Ave., near self-service Post Office. Leader: Joy Wheeler (825-1204)

CYLBURN OPEN HOUSE AND TEA. Baltimore. 2:00-4:00 p.m. "Australia's Down-Under Garden of Birds and Other Wildlife"-Mike Baker. Cylburn Park Mansion. 4915 Greenspring Avenue, Baltimore.

My sincere thanks and appreciation for the prompt response to my S.O.S. for Chapter activities.

—Beulah Zander

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You will find in this issue a white insert sheet entitled, "Arrival/Departure Date Records of Migratory Species." Please record your observations of fall migrants and send the data to Bob Ringler (3501 Melody Lane, Baltimore MD 21207) by the end of 1983. Your observations are important for assembling the migration date tables in *Maryland Birdlife* on a regular basis. More details will be found on the back of the insert sheet.

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